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SUBJECT: NEW CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW

1. RELATIVELY LITTLE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON CESTMIR LOVETINSKY, NAMED CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW APRIL 28.
2. LOVETINSKY, WHO WAS BORN IN 1924 IN THE SOUTHERN MORAVIAN DISTRICT OF JIHLAVA, JOINED THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY IN 1947 AND ROSE STEADILY THROUGH PARTY RANKS, ACQUIRING HIS EDUCATION AT THE HIGHER PARTY SCHOOL ALONG THE WAY. AFTER HEADING THE NORTH BOHEMIAN REGIONAL COMMITTEE HE GAINED ELECTION TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN 1974, AND FROM 1975 UNTIL RECENTLY HE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE IMPORTANT POLITICAL-ORGANIZATIONAL (CADRES) DEPARTMENT OF THE CC. IN APRIL, 1976, LOVETINSKY WAS ELEVATED TO THE CC SECRETARIAT, A POST HE KEPT UNTIL THE MARCH 1978 CC PLENUM, AT WHICH TIME IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD BEEN RELIEVED IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ASSIGNMENT TO "ANOTHER RESPONSIBLE POSITION."
3. LOVETINSKY WAS AT ONE TIME THOUGHT TO BE A "COMER" IN THE CPCZ, BUT HIS POSTING TO MOSCOW RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS FUTURE. THE MAIN QUALIFICATIONS OF A CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR THERE ARE A GOOD EAR FOR IDEOLOGICAL NUANCES, AN ABILITY TO DEAL SMOOTHLY WITH HEAVY TWO-WAY TRAFFIC

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IN OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS AND AN INFINITE CAPACITY FOR OBSEQUIOUSNESS. THE POST HAS NOT TRADITIONALLY BEEN A PATH TO HIGHER PARTY POSITIONS, THOUGH FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK ONCE HELD THE POSITION. WE ARE TEMPTED TO SPECULATE THAT LOVETINSKY FAILED TO BREAK DOWN THE PREVAILING APATHY TOWARD PARTY ACTIVITY AND HAS BEEN SHIPPED OFF TO GILDED EXILE - THE USUAL FATE OF HIGH-RANKING

LOW-ACHIEVERS HERE - TO FILL A POST LONG-RUMORED TO BE THE
DESTINATION OF ANOTHER PARTY SECRETARY, JAN FOJTIK.

4. DECONTROL 4 YEARS AFTER RECEIPT OF MESSAGE.
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